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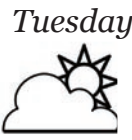
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### Weather



High 86°  
Low 62°



High 83°  
Low 65°



High 82°  
Low 58°

Source: www.weather.com

### Quotes of the Week

“We are not a campground on campus and are not equipped with bathrooms, sinks and showers for a two-night, three-day conference.”  
— Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Constantine on denying SDS the use of the Sunken Garden overnight  
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“My heart was in Blacksburg, and I think most of our campus felt the same way.”  
— sophomore Christina Hoffman on the Virginia Tech tragedy  
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### News in Brief

#### Professor wins award for book about John Henry

Scott Reynolds Nelson, an associate professor of history at the College, has won two awards for his nonfiction book, *Steel Drivin’ Man: John Henry, the Untold Story of an American Legend*, published in 2006. He was given the Ansfield-Wolf award, a prize for excellent publication work on diversity and race and will receive a \$10,000 stipend. More recently, *Steel Drivin’ Man* won the 2007 Merle Curti Prize from the Organization of American Historians in the category of U.S. social and cultural history. Nelson’s book is also a finalist for the National Award for Arts Writing.

The book, which according to W&M News “reads like a historical mystery,” tells the story of John Henry and the truth behind his mythical status in history. Nelson’s research, which was highly acclaimed by the Organization of American Historians, consisted of following lyrical clues about Henry’s plight in “The Ballad of John Henry” and debunking the mythical image of his work.

— by Kara Starr

### By the Numbers

Listed below are the market odds of candidates winning the presidency, if nominated by their party. They are based on live betting odds from intrade.com, an online prediction market. The site gives odds for each candidate’s chance of winning their party’s primary, as well as their odds of winning the general election.

According to Harvard economics professor N. Gregory Mankiw, dividing a candidate’s chance of winning the general election by their odds of winning the primary gives the odds of winning the presidency if nominated.



66 percent



66 percent



56 percent



55 percent



50 percent



46 percent

— by Maxim Lott



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The president of the University of Mary Washington has been suspended after two drunk driving arrests.

### BEYOND THE BURG

## UWM president on paid leave after incident

By MORGAN FIGA  
FLAT HAT ASSOC. NEWS EDITOR

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the University of Mary Washington president, William J. Frawley was placed on paid leave April 12 after being arrested and charged with two counts of driving under the influence. The university, located in Fredericksburg, Va. appointed Richard Hurley as its acting president.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported that Frawley was involved in a wreck somewhere in Northern Virginia in early April. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the first incident occurred Tuesday, Apr. 10 in Fairfax County, Va. Frawley was involved in a serious accident that overturned and totaled his car.

On the following day, official university statements said that a driver called police on Apr. 11 to report reckless driving. According to the Times-

Dispatch, Frawley was stopped in his driveway that afternoon. The arresting officer said that Frawley “appeared disoriented” and the front right tire of his vehicle was missing. When arrested, he was charged with driving under the influence and refusal of a breathalyzer test. After the arrest, he was taken to Mary Washington Hospital.

In a statement released on the university’s website, Frawley told the public that he had been released from the hospital Monday, April 9 after being examined for injuries and correction of a heart disorder. He stressed that the drunk driving arrests were “unusual” and “totally out of character.”

“I deeply apologize [...] for any difficulties caused for the institution, the Board of Visitors or for the people and friends of UMW,” he said in the statement.

He also asked that the privacy of his family be respected in this time and thanked the uni-

versity for its support.

J. William Poole, the university BOV’s rector, told the Richmond Times-Dispatch that he did not know whether the board would be able to solve everything prior to the university’s May 12 graduation.

“I really can’t predict that,” Poole told the Times-Dispatch. “I just don’t know.”

In a later statement, Poole thanked the Mary Washington community for their patience and hoped to have a decision sometime in the next week.

“We recognize the intense interest of the entire university community for more information, and we are grateful for the community’s patience,” his statement said.

Hurley, the acting president, is currently the Vice President for Administration, Finance and Legislative Affairs. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, Hurley will be able to keep his position after the matter is resolved.

## This week in Flat Hat history

### 1964

Students held a sit-in at the library. Forty students stayed in Swem until 10:30 p.m., which was 30 minutes past the library’s closing time.

The student’s goal was to increase library hours until 11 p.m. SCARE, also known as the Student Committee for Action, Reaction and Education also planned a second sit in for the next day but it was called off because it was deemed unnecessary by the president of the student association.

### 1979

Eric Clapton and Muddy Waters played a show at the College. They came to the College as part of a tour that visited 47 different cities. The College decided to schedule the Clapton-Waters concert after losing a possible bid on Bill Joel.

### 1989

The Wendy and Emery Reves Center for International Studies was dedicated at a ceremony taking place on the Campus Center balcony.

The then Virginia governor, Gerald Baliles, attended. Also in attendance were journalist Billy Moyers. Wendy Reves, who donated the money for the center, also came to the ceremony.

### 1996

College housing first got cable access. Dorms also received high-speed data access by way of an Ethernet system. For the first time, students could use Internet applications such as Netscape, from their rooms.

— compiled by Angela Cota

### STREET BEAT

## How do you feel about the tuition increase?



I guess it sucks. No one wants to pay more money when they could pay less.

Sergio Squilloni, freshman



There’s a tuition hike?

Miram Gleiber, freshman



I came to this school because it was well-priced for its reputation, and now I feel kind of cheated.

Ryan Lintelman, sophomore



I don’t really care.

Chris Hughes, junior

— photos and interviews by Julia Schaumburg

### CITY POLICE BEAT

## April 14 to April 19

**Saturday, April 14** — An unidentified individual was arrested at 2000 Richmond Road and charged with attempted breaking and entering. The suspect damaged a glass door. **1**

**Wednesday, April 18** — A 47-year-old black male was arrested at 1400 Richmond Road and

charged with being drunk in public. **1**

— A 41-year-old white female was arrested at 1000 Ironbound Road and charged with driving under the influence. **2**

— A 37-year-old black male was arrested at 1400 Richmond Road and charged with being

drunk in public. **1**

**Thursday, April 19** — A 25-year-old white male was arrested at 1300 East Mt. Vernon Avenue and charged with breaking and entering and destruction of property. **3**

— A 22-year-old black male was arrested at 100 Merrimac Trail and charged with assault and battery. **4**

— An unidentified individual was arrested at 1000 Mt. Vernon Avenue and charged with larceny. **3**

— An unidentified individual was arrested at 300 York Street and charged with larceny. The individual was caught trying to use \$40 of blank checks. **5**

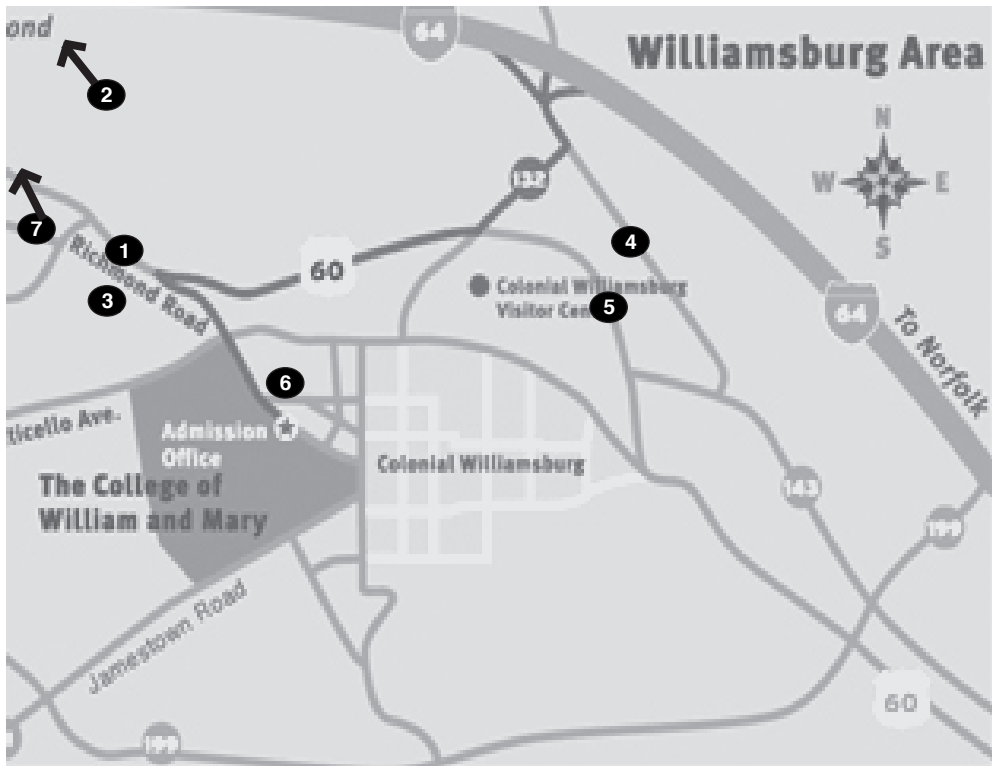
— A 29-year-old male was arrested at the corner of Scotland Street and Richmond road and charged with being drunk in public. **6**

— An unidentified individual was arrested at 300 York Street and charged with larceny. The suspect was accused to stealing clothes and food. **5**

— A 45-year-old black male was arrested at 200 New Hope and charged with assault and battery. Injuries sustained by the suspect were minor. **7**

— A 51-year-old white male was arrested at 1500 Richmond Road and charged with driving under the influence. It was his second offense. **1**

—By Morgan Figa





# Parking rates will increase for at least three years

By DOROTHY PARK  
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

Student parking fees — currently \$240 — will increase this summer, and until at least 2010, Vice President for Administration Anna Martin said.

In 1999, students complained of a lack of parking spaces. The Faculty Assembly responded by conducting a study, in which they determined a shortage of 480 places. The following year, an oversight committee recommended a three-

level parking deck be constructed to solve the problem, which is now located on Ukrop Drive.

In anticipation of the costs of construction, the College began to increase fees.

“All parking-related costs must be paid for through parking fee. There are no state funds because it’s an auxiliary activity. Construction, operation and maintenance are all paid through the parking fee,” Martin said. “And, we decided rather than hit everyone with the fee, we would increase it gradually until

there was enough to come in that debt service could be paid.”

The funds are collected in reserve to pay off the \$13.6 million service debt for the parking deck, which was completed in June 2006.

A mere four years ago, students paid \$120. In 1992, it cost just \$50 to park a car on campus. According to the minutes recorded for the Oct. 2002 meeting of the Faculty Assembly, the initial fee increase was an attempt to prevent similarly drastic increase in the future.

The cost of keeping a car is relatively low when compared with those at other Virginia schools. Depending on which parking lot they choose to use for the year, students at Virginia Commonwealth University may pay as little as \$236 or as much as \$566. Depending on the type of permit they purchase, students at the University of Virginia can expect to pay between \$192 and \$396 next year.

The College’s parking dues for the 2007 to 2008 academic year will be announced in July.



COURTESY PHOTO • WMEDU/PARKINGSERVICES  
*Parking Services will be increasing rates this summer.*

# Sanders, '79, an English major, inspires hit TV show

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Sanders said. “Diagnosis,” which Sanders still finds the time to write, presents actual medical procedures in a narrative form in order to give readers an insight into the processes involved with diagnosing real patients. “One day I was approached by television producer Paul Attanasio. He told me that

he had been reading my columns, that he was looking for a new show, and he wanted to base it on my series of articles,” she said.

After sitting down with Sanders and discussing the possibilities for the show, the producers decided to make a pilot episode and try to sell it to a network. The rest, as they say, is history — or at least for the show.

Sanders’ own background reads with its own Hollywood slant, her story having a plot just as circuitous and unpredictable as any written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Newly graduated from the College in 1979, and laying claim to little more than an English major and a passion for journalism, Sanders found a job working with ABC News. Through the next few years she cycled through all of the major networks, clawing her way up through the competitive ranks of broadcast journalism.

All of this culminated when she received an Emmy for her production work with CBS News. An award such as this defines a career, establishes credibility and marks one with a certain respect within their industry. So, did Sanders flaunt this newfound position of admiration, bending the ramifications of the award to suit her needs? No — rather, she got bored and left.

Sanders cites several reasons for leaving the broadcast journalism industry when she did; chief among them the newly discovered notion that, if they were packaged and made up correctly, news programs could be huge engines for

turning a profit, as well as a dwindling passion to work in the newsroom environment.

This fundamental shift in journalistic motives led to a spiritual souring concerning the occupation which had been her livelihood for so many years since her graduation.

“It’s nice to think that you’re not among the forces of evil,” Sanders said. “But more importantly for me, you have to have a job that you find fun and interesting. People fall out of love with their job, but by that time they’re too afraid, or they have too many responsibilities, to get out.”

Which is not to say that Sanders didn’t face adversity when she decided to change careers — she did. Once it became clear that she couldn’t stay at CBS and be happy with herself, Sanders decided to pursue medicine, as it had previously been her favorite topic to report on.

She soon found herself studying for a year at the Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Med program at Columbia University, before enrolling at the Yale School of Medicine as the oldest member of her class. She graduated in 1997 and since has stayed on as a member

of the faculty specializing in nutrition and obesity.

Looking back on the path that led to her current position, Sanders describes her old aspirations in humble terms.

“I had no idea what I wanted to do when I got out of school. I knew I wanted to live in New York, but past that — nothing,” she said.

Sanders stress that, for the moment, she’s doing exactly what she wants to do. Her schedule overflows with obligations — she wakes up at 4 a.m. every morning so that she can work on a book before she has to send the children to school at 7 a.m. — and yet she refuses to drop any of them. As long as they’re interesting and

exciting, she says that she doesn’t want to let anything slide.

“Following your passion is the most important thing,” she said, broadening her subject to include college students. “Some people graduate from college and they’ve never pursued anything that they actually care about. It’s sad, but I see interviewees who have never tried to do anything but fulfill other peoples’ expectations. You really have to let your own passions be sparked. Curiosity doesn’t come all at once, it comes in tiny little pinches. If you never follow those feelings, if you can’t recognize them within yourself and pursue them, then you’ll never figure out what you really should be doing.”



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*Hugh Laurie and Jennifer Morrison act on the hit show ‘House.’*

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Probation dropped

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individuals who are intoxicated will not receive judicial sanctions for violations of the Alcohol Beverage Policy of the Code of Conduct.”

The policy states that intoxicated students, and possibly the students referring them for help, may receive alcohol education, counseling or an abuse assessment.

“I was told that the alcohol amnesty policy did not apply to me because [the incident] was so serious,” the freshman said.

In addition, the policy officially went into effect Jan. 24, the day classes resumed for the spring semester.

“The expectation was for it to start spring semester, not just when classes started,” the freshman said.

In the Feb. 9 edition of The Flat Hat, Vice President for Stu-

dent Affairs Sam Sadler discussed the policy.

“We want to take off the table the fear that a lot of students had if they, for example, were worried about a friend’s safety, but were also worried about whether or not they were going to get in trouble,” Sadler said. “In most cases, the police don’t arrest. Typically, if someone is sick from intoxication, they’ll report it to us, and we’ll just deal with it.”

Campus Police Chief Don Challis said that Campus Police issue roughly four referrals for every arrest.

“We’re not out to make every arrest possible; if so, we’d make more,” Challis said. “It wasn’t designed to be a free pass. I think people expect too much from it, like [the incident] never happened.”

The freshman still faces sanctions from the state of Virginia.

SDS camps out in Sunken Garden

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with bathrooms, sinks and showers for a two-night, three-day conference.”

The office of Student Affairs would not allow for trailers or the implementation of portable restroom facilities because they believe such amenities would interfere with the aesthetic appearance of campus.

Constantine declined to comment on the question of a camp-out lasting only one night because such a proposal was not presented by SDS.

Six years ago, students were allowed to sleep in cardboard boxes overnight in the Sunken Garden to protest homelessness.

“We are always willing to look at a request and make appropriate decisions based on established policies and procedures, not on the nature of an individual organization,” Constantine said.

The Office of Student Affairs did grant permission for the conference to take place and gave SDS use of classrooms for a lecture series Saturday.

Although typically no two organizations are allowed to have use of the Sunken Garden at the same time, Student Affairs also granted SDS use of the north end of the area for workshops or registration Saturday, despite a conflicting event sponsored by the

Under the MICRSCOPE

◆ COMPANIES PARTNER TO PRODUCE DIESEL FUEL FROM ANIMAL FAT

By ELIZA MURPHY  
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

Tyson Foods and ConocoPhillips have announced that they are forming an alliance to produce and market diesel fuel made from animal fat, according to the April 17 online edition of The New York Times.

Production is expected to begin in late 2007, and the fuel will be shipped and distributed through existing pipelines from current ConocoPhillips refineries.

Tyson will provide the animal fat feedstock for fuel from its rendering plants.

ConocoPhillips is investing up to \$100 million in this endeavor, and Tyson will invest a slightly smaller sum.

The diesel will be made from pork, poultry and beef fat in an attempt to replace petroleum-based diesel with biodiesel. This renewable diesel fuel meets all federal standards for ultra-low-sulfur diesel.

The fat-based diesel was first developed and tested at the ConocoPhillips’ Whitegate Refinery plant in Cork, Ireland. Diesel made from soybean oil was successfully produced at this same plant last year.

Proprietary thermal depolymerization production technology is used to process animal fats with hydrocarbon feedstocks.

The addition of animal fats improves the fuel’s ignition properties, and the processing of the fat improves the fuel’s storage stability and ability to be handled.

This production of diesel reflects a current trend of many oil companies to find alternative sources for fuel.

This fat-based fuel will burn cleaner than conventional diesel, which helps to reduce greenhouse

gas emissions. Greenhouse gas emissions are linked to global warming.

“ConocoPhillips believes the key to a secure energy future is the development and efficient use of diverse energy sources,” James J. Mulva, chairman and chief executive officer of ConocoPhillips, said.

Currently, 250 million gallons of biodiesel are produced in the United States every year.

This is a small percentage of the American diesel market.

There is, however, a growing interest from several other oil companies in the production of biodiesel.

BP has been working with DuPont for several years to make new biofuels. One in particular is biobutanol.

This has a similar use to ethanol and is made from sugar beet stalks.

Chevron formed a strategic research alliance with the Georgia Institute of Technology last year in which cellulosic biofuels are made out of wood and switchgrass.

Chevron also invested in a biodiesel plant in Galveston, Tex. which uses soybean oil as feedstock.

This plant has the potential to produce 100 million gallons of biodiesel a year.

Tyson hopes that their entrance into this alliance with ConocoPhillips will help pave the way for greater participation of the agricultural industry in providing alternatives to petroleum-based diesel. Already, farmers are starting to produce corn-based ethanol.

Production of Tyson and ConocoPhillips’ diesel fuel is expected to reach 175 million gallons a year by 2009.

This is about 3 percent of the diesel produced by ConocoPhillips in the United States.

United Nation’s Children’s Fund.

“For one reason or another, tents are not allowed in the Sunken Garden. From our point of view, that is censoring and against the rights outlined in the Student Handbook,” Sheppard said. “It diffused our purpose and had a considerable effect on at-

tendance.”

Some tents were set up late Saturday night, but SDS was asked to take them down.

“Any tents that went up Sunday did not have permission of Student Affairs or the scheduling office,” Constantine said.

SDS plans to start organizing

next year’s convention over the summer.

“In the future we will stay with the same philosophy because of health and safety concerns,” Constantine said. “I don’t think we would allow any organization to set up a tent-city in the Sunken Garden.”

Class of 2007 — Senior Class Gift

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# OPINIONS

## STAFF EDITORIALS

### Tuition increase merited

Students and parents may be dismayed that the Board of Visitors has recently decided to raise the College’s tuition rates for the next academic year, upping the cost for Virginia residents to over \$16,000 per year and increasing out-of-state tuition to nearly \$35,000. While these figures and headlines appear startling, they are part of a nation-wide trend of rising tuitions and costs. For example, the University of Virginia recently raised its tuition and living rates by similar percentages, and at certain private schools, including George Washington University, overall costs will exceed \$50,000 next year.

In reality, the College continues to be a good value for all students and their families. The increases in tuition rates have been accompanied by various initiatives that have enhanced diversity, particularly Gateway William and Mary, which has made it easier for first-generation college students and students from low-income fami-

lies to attend the College. Next year’s freshman class features a record number of first-generation students. Such efforts at diversifying the campus will assure that the College remains competitive and on par with other top-notch public and private universities throughout the United States.

The College remains a relative bargain, particularly since the total amount of money that the College spends per student — including professor salaries and academic and athletic facilities — far exceeds what each student annually pays to attend the College. The administration and the BOV must ensure that such a raise in tuition is accompanied by continued efforts to improve current financial aid options. This will ensure that an education from the College is potentially available to anyone, particularly those on whom these tuition increases have placed a significant financial burden.

### Bravo, Kate

People say that hindsight is 20/20. While the current editorial board cannot rightfully take credit for hiring Flat Hat sex columnist Kate Prengaman, it can certainly look back to Sept. 12, 2003, when Kate’s first column ran under the header “Behind Closed Doors,” and nod its head in emphatic approval.

Kate’s adventure began as a freshman. The Behind Closed Doors column was just one semester old, and its originator had just graduated. Kate applied to fill the vacancy, thrilled with the idea of writing a sex column as a fresh face on campus. Her idea was to craft the column to promote healthy attitudes about sex and relationships. The rest, as they say, is history.

Kate got off to a blistering start. In her first printed paragraphs, she introduced herself and laid out her main qualification — while she probably wasn’t the most sexually active person on campus, she had a healthy outlook on sex and wasn’t embarrassed about discussing it.

She then used the remainder of her 800 words to expound on the Supreme Court’s decision in the case

Lawrence and Garner v. Texas. “Just imagine,” she wrote, “you, your girl or boyfriend, some romantic candles, sexy music and Clarence Thomas — monitoring your every move for morality. If you find that proposition attractive, your sex life might be a little too scary, even for me.” Right off the bat, the College knew that its sex columnist wasn’t exactly garden variety.

Now, after four great years, The Flat Hat must prepare for the unenviable task of replacing Kate, whose hand-obscured countenance has become a veritable campus institution. Kate’s unique, witty and intelligent insight will be sorely missed.

We are excited, however, to congratulate freshman Emily Powell, who will replace Kate beginning next fall. Emily was selected from a pool of applicants, and though she has big shoes to fill (dominatrix boots if you ask Confusion Corner columnist Lauren Bell), we are confident she will continue to provide the thoughtful sex and relationship advice that our readers have come to expect from our pages.

The Flat Hat welcomes submissions to the Opinions section. Letters to the Editor and Opinions columns are due at 5 p.m. Sunday for publication the following Tuesday and at 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced, and must include the author’s name, telephone number and any relevant titles or affiliations with campus or national groups. Letters may be no more than 300 words; columns may not be less than 500 words nor more than 700. Letters must be e-mailed to opinions@flathatnews.com. The Flat Hat reserves the right to edit all material. Because of space limitations, The Flat Hat may not publish all submissions. The Flat Hat Editorial Board meets before each issue to discuss the position taken by editorials. Unsigned editorials are written by a designated member of the Editorial Board. All Board editorials reflect the consensus of the Editorial Board. Letters, columns, graphics and cartoons reflect the view of the author only.

### VA Tech police ineffective

*In time of tragedy, law enforcement’s handling of shooting must be questioned*

I have to extend the greatest condolences and support from myself and the entire College to the students, faculty and staff at Virginia Tech and their families. What occurred is a great tragedy; I pray that all the injured recover quickly and that the fallen are remembered and loved as they find their way through whatever awaits them.

However, in this time of great tragedy, I must question law enforcement’s ineffective, botched response to the initial situation. A brief timeline of events outlines the problem.

At 7:15 a.m., a 911 call was placed. Immediately responding to the call, SWAT teams, campus police and local law enforcement swarmed the campus, all reporting to West Ambler Johnston Hall. At approximately 9:15 a.m., a shooting occurred at Norris Hall, where there were 31 killed, including the shooter, and numerous injured. At 9:26 a.m., the administration’s first e-mail was delivered to students, reporting the first shooting at the dormitory.

The authorities, upon finding two deceased and multiple injured at the dorm, incorrectly followed first-responder crime scene protocol. The Department of Justice Crime Scene Investigation handbook states that the priority of the first-responder is “the safety and physical well-being of officers and other individuals, in and around the crime scene.” First-responders are to “assume the crime is ongoing until determined to be otherwise.” The first-responders to West Ambler Johnston Hall found two dead, multiple injured and no weapon in the nearby area; they assumed it was a “domestic dispute” and the “gunman had fled campus.”

Excuse me?

Even if it were assumed to be a domestic dispute, the proper response would be to assume that the crime was still ongoing. Additionally, the number injured (in addition to the number deceased) was a preponderance of evidence that this was not merely a domestic dispute. Contrary to Virginia Tech President Charles Steger’s opinion that “we can only make decisions based on the information [we] had at the time,” law enforcement and uni-

versity administration could have responded much more effectively to the initial situation.

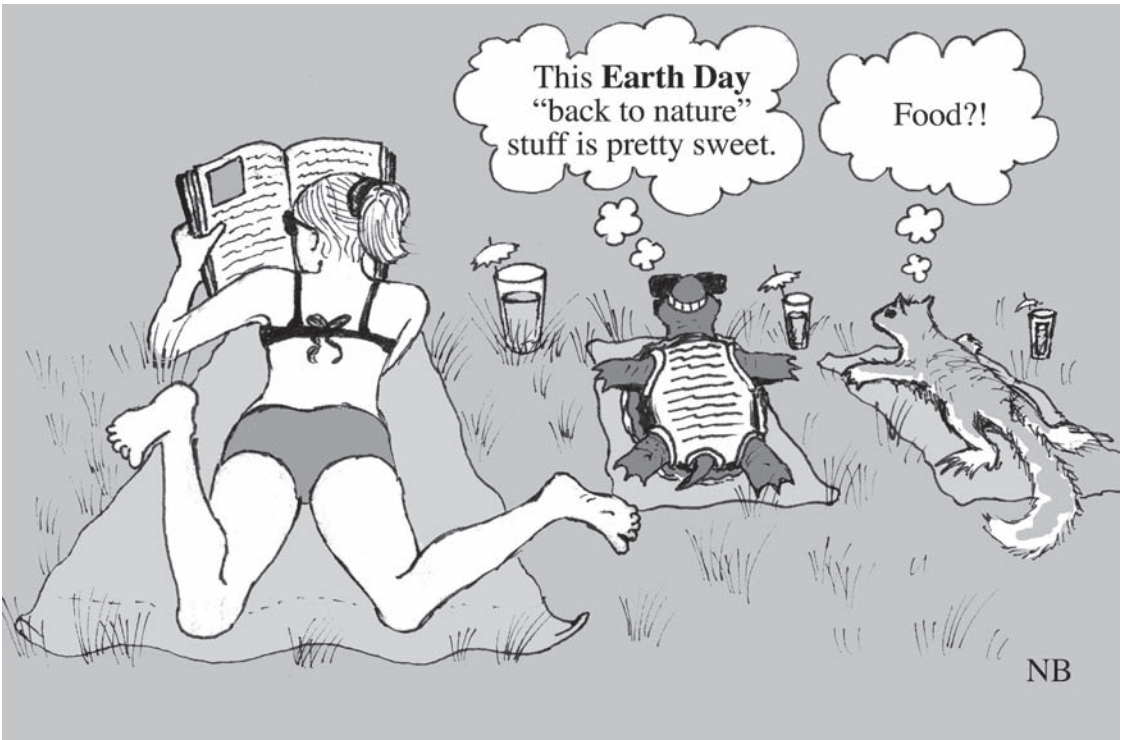
The first-responder analysis should have boiled down to this: you have two murders, multiple injuries, no weapon and no killer. The inner boundary of the crime scene should have been established around the dorm building and the outer boundary should have included the entire campus. Officers responding to the dormitory should have begun their search for possible shooters immediately, while a single team began their investigation. Arriving law enforcement should have been stationed across campus to ensure order and safety (as well as been posted at each campus entrance to monitor arriving vehicles). This would have presented a defensive front to any potential threats, and officers would have been in a position to close campus entrances. Finally, SWAT teams should have systematically swept the areas immediately surrounding the dormitory. Would following proper protocol by police and the administration have definitively saved lives? No one can say for certain — but I suppose now, we’ll never know.

Would this have caused mass disruption and chaos by assuming such a defensive stance on a college campus in a time of crisis? No — disruption of classes should be the last worry in such a crisis and chaos need

not be the result. Last August, on the first day of classes, Tech closed its main entrances when a convict killed a hospital guard, escaped and killed a deputy on a trail just off campus. The campus did not go into a mass frenzy and remained relatively well-ordered, while the university’s safety was ensured through an effective, increased police presence.

Although I applaud university administration and law enforcement for their handling of the tragedy post-occurrence, I disagree with Steger’s statement that there was “no reason to suspect any other incident was going to occur.” I’m not going to stand up and say that the entire tragedy was preventable. But when you have two murders, multiple casualties, no definite killer and no sign of a weapon, you could have an armed and dangerous suspect on the loose. You should not only consider that another incident can occur, but should assume that it is going to. For everyone’s sake.

Devin DeBacker is a junior at the College.



By NATE BURGESS, FLAT HAT GRAPHICS EDITOR

### Preventing another tragedy

The shootings at Virginia Tech last Monday, April 16, could have happened anywhere. Indeed, they have, as a brutal legacy of serial killers and mass murderers pervades our nation’s history.

During my weekend stay at the University of Virginia, I read an interesting article in The Hook, a campus magazine. In the article, Hawes Spencer traces the history of school shootings in our country, from Charles Whitman’s massacre at the University of Texas in 1966, to Kent State in 1970, to San Ysidro in 1984, to Luby’s Cafeteria in 1991. It wasn’t until the later ’90s that school shootings mushroomed, taking on ‘epidemic’ proportions (Moses Lake, Wash.; Pearl, Miss.; Paducah, Ky.; Jonesboro, Ark.; Columbine, Colo.), culminating with the apocalyptic Tech tragedy that brought to the surface residual feelings of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 and Hurricane Katrina.



Sherif Abdelkarim

This column isn’t asking why America has a problem with violence more than any other place in the world (Michael Moore addressed this a while back). Gun or no gun, I’m not sure bloodbaths of such a large scale can be prevented entirely.

It isn’t enough to react after the fact (although the College has been quick to console students here and in Blacksburg alike with candlelight vigils, the Facebook phenomenon, the donations, the fundraisers and the awe-inspiring Orange and Maroon Effect). There are smart ways to go about preventing a college shooting. For starters, school massacres are usually methodically planned out. If the culprit lives on campus, it should be the responsibility of the entire university body — students, faculty, police — to pick up on any hints or gestures of such plotting. If the culprit broods over the idea of murder for months at a time, eventually these festering thoughts will consume him or her entirely,

manifesting themselves in his or her actions, expressions and overall habits. Cho Seung-Hui was known (or rather, unknown) as a “loner;” CNN reported that Cho’s creative writing teacher detected a threat beneath the surface of his writings, which could be described as incendiary rants laced with references to sexual abuse. Cho’s condition appears to have taken a pathological one. In the video shown on TV, he is hauntingly remorseless. From his deluded perspective he aligns himself with Jesus Christ, with whom he feels he can relate.

No campus is too large to afford a shooting. We can’t afford to let this happen. What I would say is this: listen up. As a community, we need to come together and leave nobody out. Such solidarity as is seen in wake of tragedy strengthens community ties, builds friendships and promotes social order.

By nature, students at the College tend to be reclusive, making it harder to tell the shy guy from the psychopath. We should do something about that. I invite everyone on campus to try and know your neighbor better. It’s a little sad to think Cho felt alienated or removed from his university. I mean, these were supposed to be

the best days of his life. Granted, I don’t know his mental state, but it scares me to think this could have been prevented if only somebody talked to him once in a while.

I invite all of you to make a new friend or come to know a vague acquaintance better before the semester closes. I’m not talking “Facebook friends” either; I’m talking about that real, human-to-human connection. Professors should get involved, too — our classes are small enough for students to have a one-on-one relationship with their teachers.

I think the College does a good enough job confronting issues of victimization, but maybe we could do more. If you feel you’ve been victimized in any way, tell someone: seek counseling or do something to get help. There’s no reason not to.

Sherif Abdelkarim, a sophomore at the College, is a staff columnist. His columns appear on Tuesdays.

### Letters to the Editor

**Amnesty policy should be clearer To the Editor:**

According to the Beatles, all you need is love, but right now, I think all we need is love and an honest conversation between the College and students regarding the Alcohol Amnesty Policy.

Each side of the debate has its points, but there is a mutual confusion regarding exactly how far the policy goes. What is at stake because of this uncertainty? The very lives of the students on this campus. When those are the stakes, it’s simply too important for any uncertainty.

The Alcohol Amnesty Policy was formed after semesters of dedication by students and staff members regarding the health of a student in an emergency even if alcohol was involved. Any hesitation due to discipline matters could possibly be cut out of the equation. We can’t rewrite state laws, but we can be clear as to how much trouble you’ll be in with the school. The general consensus was limited, but in light of recent events, the fine print has emerged.

Too many students are again asking, “Can I trust this school?” That question could possibly stand in the way of an emergency phone call. So how far does amnesty go? Are we going to put the lives of students as our primary concern, or how many cases of Natty were in the fridge when someone dialed 911?

I feel like these are questions that deserve to be clarified. The students and staff members who worked so hard on this project deserve it. Resident assistants (myself included) who need to inform their residents regarding safety deserve it. The community as a whole deserves it out of common interest. Potentially, the very life of a student could depend on it.

So yes, all we need is love. Love and clairification, please. Dear school, shall we chat?

— Shaun Loria, ’08

**Confederate controversy continues To the Editor:**

I could not help but be appalled when I read the column “Confederate controversy” in the April 13 issue of The Flat Hat. This column had the audacity to claim that a Confederate History Month would be little different from the five other officially recognized history months, except that the South endorsed slavery, as if slavery was an issue of the past that carried little weight against these so-called positive aspects of Confederate heritage (which were never named). So what if these soldiers and their heritage have admirable attributes? Most racists and prejudice people do have a good side! After all, didn’t Time magazine cite Hitler as the greatest leader in history? Should we give him his own month, too? I’m sure people would love that.

It also infuriates me that the column used some statement on the Sons of Confederate Veterans website and one man who is descended from slaves to support its ideas. It’s pretty obvious that no one in their right mind, who wanted to gain support for their organization, would make racist claims on their website. I’m not saying these people are racists, but how can we use a quote from their website to come to a conclusion? An interview would at least be necessary. As for this man whose descendents were slaves, does his opinions mean that there are a whole league of African Americans supporting this Confederate History Month? I don’t think so.

What disturbs me most about this column is that anyone could even be in support of racist Confederate soldiers. I, personally, do not want the youth of today considering these soldiers as role models.

Creating this history month would be nothing more than an exercise in forgetting, the forgetting of how the Confederate heritage and its mentality alienated and oppressed the African-American race.

— Keirstin Flythe, ’10







LACROSSE: TRIBE 10, JMU 9 (2 OT)

# Tribe bests JMU in double OT

*Seniors lead College to first conference win of the season*

By Andrew Pike  
Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

On senior day at Albert-Daly Field, the women’s lacrosse team shocked 9th-ranked James Madison University 10-9 in double overtime. The Dukes came into the match undefeated in the CAA, while the Tribe entered the game winless in the conference.

It was fitting that two seniors combined for the game-winning goal in the waning minutes of their final home game. Emily Vitrano fed Jamie Fitzgerald whose shot bounced off the right post and snuck past JMU goalie Kelly Wetzel with 1:14 remaining in the second overtime period. The win ended the College’s eight-game losing streak, as the Tribe improved to 3-12 overall and 1-5 in the CAA on the season.

After falling behind 6-3 at the end of the first half, the College came out of halftime energized, scoring three unanswered goals to knot the game at 6-6. The teams traded scores until senior Kristen Wong’s second goal gave the Tribe a 9-8 lead with 5:51 remaining.

Just over a minute later, JMU’s Annie Wagner tied the game at nine with her second goal. The game stayed scoreless throughout the remainder of regulation and the first overtime period. Freshman Sara Beckstead kept the College in the game with her eight saves including one late in the opening period of the first overtime.

The Tribe seniors carried the College to victory behind six goals and four assists from Fitzgerald (three goals, one assist), Wong (two goals, two goals) and Vitrano (one goal, one assist). Junior Jaime Sellers contributed a hat-trick for the Tribe, and freshman Katie Rees also scored.

The Tribe finishes its 2007 season tomorrow at 4 p.m. when it travels to Norfolk to face Old Dominion University.



COURTESY PHOTO • BOB KEROACK  
Senior Jaime Fitzgerald celebrates her winning goal.

# At CAAs, track men, women finish second

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three more titles. Senior Bonnie Meekins’ meet record and NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 5,192 points secured her victory in the heptathlon; moreover, Meekins, while competing in the heptathlon, qualified provisionally for the NCAA Championships in the high jump clearing 5’8.75”. Freshman Emily Anderson won the 1,500-m in 4:33.83, and senior Kate Willever ran away from the competition in the 3,000-m steeplechase, winning in a time of 11:14.94.

The men posted championship-caliber performances as well. Sophomore Alex Heacock hurled the javelin 195’2” to easily outdistance his competitors and garner his first conference crown. Like the women, the Tribe men controlled the 5,000-m and 10,000-m races. Competing in the 5,000-m, senior Keith Bechtol pushed the pace enough to secure his third CAA championship, finishing in 14:45.16. Approximately 45 minutes later, Bechtol was back on the track for the 10,000-m in a race which saw his meet record fall to senior teammate Matt Keally, who claimed victory in 30:17.02.

Saturday, redshirt-sophomore David Groff bested the 1,500-m field, winning with a time of 3:52.17. Redshirt-junior Matt Warco claimed his first CAA title in the 800-m running 1:53.29, and junior Anthony Arena also collected his first conference crown timing 9:11.90 in the 3,000-m steeplechase.

The Tribe returns to action Thursday through Saturday at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S GOLF: CAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Men, women end CAAs in fifth

*Paladino paces men’s team with fifth-place individual finish; Oldenkamp leads women*

By Miles Hilder  
Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

The men’s and women’s golf teams traveled to Hot Springs, Va. over the weekend to compete in the Colonial Athletic Association Championships held at The Homestead Resort. Both the men and women, playing the Cascades and Old Courses, respectively, finished in fifth place.

Sophomore Brent Paladino led the way for the men, finishing in fifth place individually after improving each day, firing rounds of 75, 72 and 69. Paladino’s performance earned him All-CAA Tournament honors. The Tribe finished the first round in sixth place, but on day two shot an impressive team total of 291, nine strokes better than their first-round score, to vault into a tie for fourth heading into the final round. Sunday was not as kind to the College, as a final round team total of 295 dropped them from fourth to fifth.

At the CAA awards banquet following the first round, sophomore Doug Hurson was awarded Second-Team All-CAA honors for his play this season. Hurson responded the next day by shooting a one-under par 69, six strokes better than his first round score of 75. Hurson closed the tournament with a final-round 73 and finished in a tie for sixth.

Senior Ryan Price finished in 30th place after a final-round 77, while junior Jimmy Femino carded a three-round total of 229 to place 33rd. Senior

captain Matt Brantingham rounded out the College’s scoring in a tie for 42nd.

The men close out their season this weekend in Charlottesville at the Cavalier Classic.

Junior Erika Oldenkamp entered the final day of the women’s championships tied for fourth place individually, following rounds of 77 and 75 to open. Oldenkamp struggled, however, shooting a disappointing 85 in the final round to drop into a tie for 14th. Despite Oldenkamp’s final-round fall, the Tribe shot a Sunday score of 323, securing a fifth place finish.

Freshman Morgan Stepanek shot an opening-round 77 en route to an 18th-place finish in her first CAA Championship, while senior captain Melissa DePuy rebounded from a disappointing 84, shooting back-to-back 79s over the weekend and finishing tied for 21st place. Junior Marissa Sprick’s three-round total of 245 earned her a tie for 25th place, marking the second straight year Sprick has finished in the top 25 at the CAA championships. Freshman Brielle Paolini’s CAA debut was not as sweet as Stepanek’s, as Paolini finished in a tie for 40th after firing a three-day total of 254.

The women closed the season strong, recording their first top-five finish in a tournament this year. They will now wait to hear if the Tribe receives a bid from the NCAA to play a regional qualifier, May 10-12, with hopes of advancing to the NCAA Championships.



ALEX HAGLUND • THE FLAT HAT  
Underclassmen led the Tribe men to a fifth-place finish at CAA Championships.

WOMEN’S GYMNASTICS: USAG CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Women compete at USAG Championships

*Padilla, Waldman earn First-Team All-American honors*

By Christopher Garrett  
The Flat Hat

Over the weekend the women’s gymnastics team competed in the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships in Seattle, Wash. The College placed seventh out of eight Thursday with a score of 189.1 in a highly competitive preliminary round. Two Tribe athletes, senior Christina Padilla and junior Stevie Waldman, qualified for Saturday’s individual finals after finishing in the top-five of events during the team competition.

Padilla qualified for the individual finals in the vault and bars events, earning All-American honors in both; she placed sixth in the vault with a score of 9.6 and 10th on the bars with a score of 9.225.

“Saturday was the final competition of my gymnastics career, which is really weird to think about because I’ve been competing since I was seven years old,” Padilla said. “I was happy with my performance at the meet.”

Waldman tied for sixth in the floor event Thursday; however, an athlete dropped out of the event, and Waldman took her place in the floor finals. She placed 10th on the floor and also garnered All-American honors.

Junior Tricia Long’s all-around performance merited Second-Team All-American honors, and

freshman Ali Medeiros took Second-Team All-American honors on the bars.

Other notable highlights from the preliminary round of competition include freshman Ali Medeiros’ scores of 9.6 on the beam, 9.5 in the vault and 9.650 on the bars. Freshman Stephanie Bevan also competed in the beam, scoring a 9.575 and placing 14th in the second session.

Long earned fourth place in the all-around during the second session, with a cumulative score of 37.125. She also competed on the floor and scored a 9.7, placing 11th in the second session and scoring a 9.475 in the vault. Sophomore Sarah Jacobson also scored a 9.475 in the vault and added a 9.425 on the bars. Due to strong competition, neither of these scores broke the top 20 in the second session.

Sophomore Becca Bacharach scored a 9.575 on the floor, and also competed in the vault for a score of 9.6, placing 12th in the event. Senior Andrea Dochney scored 9.625 on the beam and placed 10th in the second session, and fellow senior Jess Randall scored 9.675 on the floor, taking 13th place.

“The entire weekend was a great experience for our team ... we didn’t have the outcome that we had hoped for as a team, but there were many high points and many people who stepped up when the pressure was on,” Waldman said.

# Women’s tennis wins CAA tourney

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earning the doubles point victory for the Tribe. Moulton-Levy and Zoricic’s victory improved their record to an impressive 38-2 this season. With the doubles point in possession, the College went on to win three singles matches, coming out on top 4-0. Acharya, ranked no. 120, won her school-record 26th-straight match and sparked the Tribe’s singles play; she defeated no. 121 Olga Borisova 6-1, 6-2. Sophomore Klaudyna Kasztelaniec followed with a 6-4, 6-0 victory, and Bresson clinched the title, winning her match 6-3, 6-3.

The championship is head coach Kevin Epley’s third since coming to the College four years ago.

“VCU is a very good team. If you could have told me at the start of the year that we would beat them 4-0 in CAA Championship, I would have thought you were crazy,” Epley said in a statement on TribeAthletics.com. “We are a young team, and it is a testament to them. They showed a lot maturity today.”

The victory over the Rams improved the College’s record to 20-2, and marks the 10th time in 13 years that the Tribe has won over 20 matches in a season, and the third time under Epley’s guidance.

The College now looks forward to the NCAA Tournament. Seedings and match-ups will be announced May 1 on ESPNEWS at 2:45 p.m.

# Baseball loses three

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sacrifice bunt from Juliano advanced Maliniak and Nickle. A double from sophomore left fielder Jeff Jones scored Maliniak and Nickle. The Tribe scored one more in the ninth as Maliniak singled to score Sexton, but the effort was not enough to top the Rams. Freshman starter Tyler Truxell recorded the loss, allowing five runs in 5.1 innings of play, and freshman Kevin Landry offered sound relief quiet the Rams for the remainder of the game.

Both teams began scoring early in the final contest, but VCU took a 7-2 advantage in the third. The Tribe rallied in the sixth to push across five runs and tie up the match, as the Tribe registered a string of singles from Sexton, Sheridan, Jones, Maliniak and sophomore pinch hitter Ben Guez. After Juliano reached first on an error, Jones scored, and a single from sophomore shortstop Lanny Stanfield scored Maliniak. Park reached and McWhorter singled to score Juliano. Senior Pat Kantakevich recorded his first loss of the season (3-1), giving up eight runs in 6.1 innings of play, while Vernon, Landry and Grieve combined in relief to shut down the Rams for the remainder.

Even with the losses, the College ranks first in batting average in the CAA (.325) and second in hits (470), as well as first in fielding percentage (.970). The Tribe faces the University of Richmond today at 3:30 p.m. in a non-conference game.

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WOMEN’S TENNIS: TRIBE 4, VCU 0

# Sweeping victory

Tribe takes its 19th CAA Tournament title with 4-0 wins in three consecutive matches



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Sophomore Katarina Zoricic (above) and doubles partner senior Megan Moulton-Levy improved to 38-2 this season.

By KATE TEDESCO  
THE FLAT HAT

The women’s tennis team won the CAA Tournament for the 19th time in the 22-year history of conference championships, beating in-conference foe and defending champion Virginia Commonwealth University 4-0 for the title. The Tribe reached the finals after defeating Towson University in the quarterfinals and Georgia State University in the semifinals.

The 13th-ranked Tribe met Towson Friday at the Huntington Park Tennis Center in Newport News. The team won the initial two doubles matches, earning the first point of the match, and quickly won three singles matches at the top three positions, making the final score 4-0. The College’s top three singles players earned First Team All-CAA honors prior to the start of the tournament. The victory over Towson improved the Tribe’s record to 18-2.

Saturday, the College faced Georgia State in the semifinals. In similar fashion to the quarterfinals, the Tribe beat the no. 4 seed 4-0. Freshmen Ragini Acharya and Magdalena Bresson won the first doubles match, defeating Georgia’s Mateja Padgousek and Emma Stahl-Johannson 8-0.

Sunday’s championship match began at 10 a.m. as temperatures rose above 80 degrees. The Tribe previously defeated the 26th-ranked Rams in the regular season, 4-3, and were anxious to do the same in the tournament. The no. 1-ranked doubles team of Moulton-Levy and Zoricic won at the top doubles spot, 8-2, and Acharya and Bresson won the no. 3 doubles position, 8-5,



SARAH GRAYCE • THE FLAT HAT  
Sophomore first baseman Mike Sheridan (above) went 4-for-11 with 3 runs scored and 2 RBIs this weekend.

BASEBALL: VCU 8, TRIBE 7

# College drops 3 to VCU in road trip

Losses bring Tribe’s CAA record to 10-10, dropping them to fifth place in the conference

By MADDY WOLFERT  
THE FLAT HAT

This past weekend, the Tribe faced the Virginia Commonwealth University Rams in Richmond. The College entered the series coming off of two wins versus Hofstra University and a victory against Liberty University. The Rams, however, managed to overpower the Tribe and sweep the series 13-8, 5-4 and 8-7. With the losses, the Tribe falls to 23-19 overall and 10-10 in conference play.

In the first game of the series, the Tribe offense combined for 12 hits, as sophomore first baseman Mike Sheridan went 3-for-4, and junior centerfielder Paul Juliano, senior third baseman Greg Sexton and junior designated hitter Tim Park each tallied two hits for the day. The College came out strong in the fourth inning, down 3-0, scoring five runs and taking the lead. VCU responded and pushed across seven in the bottom of the fifth, gaining a 10-5 advantage. Although the Tribe scored three more runs in the sixth to close the gap to two, the Rams maintained the lead, answering with three runs of their own before the end of the game. Junior starter Pete Vernon recorded the loss (6-4), allowing six earned runs in 4.1 innings of play. The bullpen could not quite get into rhythm, as relievers senior Warrik Staines, junior Mike LaFleur, junior Jimmy Drury and junior Sean Grieve took the mound in the contest. The big fourth inning included doubles from Juliano, Park and Sexton.

In the second game of the series, McWhorter, Sexton and junior designated hitter Greg Maliniak all went 2-for-4. Down 5-0, the Tribe rallied to push across three in the seventh as Sexton doubled and a Maliniak single brought Sexton home. Sophomore right fielder Robbie Nickle reached first after being hit by a pitch, and a

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MEN’S TENNIS: OLD DOMINION 4, TRIBE 2

# Tribe falls 4-2 in CAA semifinals

College notched 4-0 quarterfinal win over JMU; team now hopes for at-large berth to NCAA Tournament

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The men’s tennis team put up a strong effort at the CAA Tournament last weekend, but was unable to advance past the semifinals. After receiving a first round bye in the tournament, the Tribe faced James Madison University Friday and advanced to play against nationally-ranked Old Dominion University the following day.

James Madison gave up the doubles team point to the College, losing the first two doubles matches. Sophomore Marwan Ramadan started off the singles play with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over his opponent, and freshman Keziel Juneau followed suit winning 6-2, 6-3, increasing the Tribe’s lead to 3-0. The Tribe victory came shortly thereafter with a 6-3, 6-4 final score from freshman Richard Wardell, who clinched the quarterfinal win at 4-0, sending the Tribe into the semifinals.

In Saturday’s semifinal match, the 36th-ranked Tribe fell 4-2 to 32nd-ranked Old

Dominion. The Monarchs started the match by claiming the doubles point, as junior Kavi Sud and sophomore Alex Zuck were the sole Tribe pair to earn a win during doubles play. Singles play began in a similar fashion, with Old Dominion taking the first two matches.

The Tribe climbed back into the match with wins at the no. 2 and no. 4 singles positions. Junior Alex Cojanu, ranked 97th in singles play, put away his 31st-ranked opponent for a 6-4, 6-2 upset win, and Ramadan earned a 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory. The Tribe could not win another singles match, however, as Rodrigo Souza clinched ODU a spot in the finals with a 6-2, 7-6 (4) defeat of Zuck. In Sunday’s championship match, Georgia State University bested Old Dominion to earn its first-ever CAA men’s tennis title.

The Tribe awaits results on its eligibility for the NCAA Tournament, which will be announced Tuesday, May 1. If the Tribe is chosen to compete in the tournament, the men’s tennis team will return to play Friday, May 11.



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Senior Colin O’Brien (above left) and sophomore Dominic Pagon (above center) fell to their ODU doubles opponents Saturday, 9-7.



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Junior Nicole Bost clears the pole vault March 31 during the Tribe Invitational at Zable Stadium.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD: CAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Men, women each finish in 2nd at CAA Championships

Both teams combine to win nine of the ten distance events

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After taking the lead on day one of the CAA Championships, both the men’s and women’s track and field teams finished in the runner-up position. The women came up short of capturing their seventh consecutive conference championships as the Northeastern University Huskies outdistanced the College 163-156, en route to winning their first-ever CAA title in any sport. The Tribe men’s lead slipped away to University of North Carolina-Wilmington, who tallied 215.5 points to the College’s 183.

UNCW’s Zeickia Ledwell fueled the comeback effort, winning both the 110-meter hurdles and the 400-m hurdles; however, Virginia Commonwealth University’s James

Frierson earned running events Most Outstanding Performer after his victories in the 100-m and 200-m. For the women, Northeastern’s Tramaine Shaw shared the running events MOP award with George Mason University’s Murielle Ahoure, and fellow Huskie Zara Northover garnered the field events MOP.

“We knew going into the meet that it would be tight but our concern on paper was Georgia State [University]. Northeastern had a fantastic meet and just outperformed us as a whole,” women’s head coach Kathy Newberry said. “However, our girls had some outstanding performances.”

Even without capturing team titles, the Tribe showcased its distance running talent by taking nine of the 10 events from 800-m to 10,000-m. Both the women and men earned six

individual titles overall.

Freshman Nicole Kazuba soared over the bar at 12 feet, 1.5 inches to take first place in the pole vault, giving the Tribe its first individual title of the meet. In Friday evening’s events, the College swept the 5,000-m and 10,000-m runs as senior Meghan Bishop and junior Emily Gousen each ran to victory in their respective events; Bishop timed 17 minutes, 27.33 seconds in the 5,000-m while Gousen completed the 10,000-m in a CAA meet record time of 36:04.05 — the mark also qualified her for the ECAC Championships. These three titles gave the Tribe a six-point lead over Northeastern heading into day two of competition.

Saturday saw the College earn

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